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**Subject:** RE: SRA Annual Meeting Plenary Session Monday morning

Mike, I'm fine with your participating. Thank you for asking.

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**From:** Dourson, Michael  
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**Subject:** FW: SRA Annual Meeting Plenary Session Monday morning

Ryan

I have a pending talk at the upcoming Society for Risk Analysis meeting in Crystal City, on December 11. The topic of the talk is shown in the emails below, but basically is me giving a few slides (5 at most) on risk analysis as an obsolete profession (or not). I am definitely in the "or not" camp. This commitment was made over 6 months ago.

At this point I am listed on the program as my EPA title below. Please advise if you need for me to change anything.

Cheers!

Michael...

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**From:** Pamela Williams [mailto:pwilliams@erisksciences.com]  
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**To:** 'Terje Aven' <terje.aven@uis.no>; Dourson, Michael <dourson.michael@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: SRA Annual Meeting Plenary Session Monday morning

Agreed, I know Dr. Dourson has an excellent presentation related to risk analysis (or risk assessment) certification, so some discussion of this would be great.

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**From:** Terje Aven [mailto:terje.aven@uis.no]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 27, 2017 8:52 AM  
**To:** Dourson, Michael  
**Cc:** Pamela Williams  
**Subject:** SV: SRA Annual Meeting Plenary Session Monday morning

Thanks a lot Michael, this is excellent, perhaps you can also think about what we should then do to meet this challenge. I know you would highlight training .. 😊

Best  
Terje

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**Fra:** Dourson, Michael <dourson.michael@epa.gov>  
**Sendt:** Monday, November 27, 2017 3:56:12 PM  
**Til:** Terje Aven  
**Kopi:** Pamela Williams  
**Emne:** RE: SRA Annual Meeting Plenary Session Monday morning

Terje

Thanks for the gentle reminder. I am of the mind to discuss the misunderstanding of our profession by unskilled folks, and the plethora of opinions, masquerading as erudite, flooding the market, so to speak. We are not obsolete, as much as we are emulated, unfortunately by folks who really do not understand the underlying science.

I will likely have a few slides as examples. I am thinking of a periodic table chart of chemical contaminants in various folks' bodies, and/or the blogs on various synthetic pesticides on our food, meanwhile ignoring, or more likely being ignorant of, the overwhelming proportion of pesticides in food that are naturally occurring.

I very much appreciate your efforts to pull this together and the initial slides from both you and Pamela.

Cheers!?

Michael

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**From:** Terje Aven [mailto:terje.aven@uis.no]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 24, 2017 4:58 AM  
**To:** Dourson, Michael <dourson.michael@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Pamela Williams <pwilliams@erisksciences.com>  
**Subject:** VS: SRA Annual Meeting Plenary Session Monday morning

Hi Michael,  
How are things going concerning the preparation for the Panel ?  
I know we are a little early, but we very much would appreciate some feedback before the end of the month to be able to plan the discussion in a good way.  
Thanks a lot

Best  
Terje

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**Fra:** Terje Aven  
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**Kopi:** Pamela Williams <pwilliams@erisksciences.com>

**Emne:** SRA Annual Meeting Plenary Session Monday morning

Hi all,

Thanks for participating in the panel **Risk Analysis: An Obsolete Profession?** It will be great :-)

I will have an introduction to the panel discussion, see enclosed preliminary slides with associated text (the last slides 16-25 are not planned to be presented).

After this introduction I give the word to Pamela, see her preliminary slides (not all of these will be used but they are included to make the presentation understandable).

The idea is that each of you has a prepared introduction of some 5-7 minutes, prepared with slides if you like, with clear statements –linked to abstract of the panel and hopefully inspired by mine and Pamela's slides.

We would not like to restrict creativity and what you find most important on this matter, so feel free to angle things in your way. Focusing on some few – one or two – themes is however recommended. To be able to lead the panel discussion in a good way, we think it is wise to have a process in advance – starting now – where we share some of the ideas we have. The aim of this dialogue is to make the panel as interesting as possible by being informed what is coming, so that one can get ideas for comments and questions. We would like to have a lively discussion so the point is not use this dialogue to obtain some unity or consensus at this stage (rather the opposite ☺)

Looking forward to hearing from you. What we ask from you now is an indication of what type of message – themes- that you would like to highlight - in text or using slides.

We would very much appreciate if we could get some input before 15 November.

Thanks a lot.

Enjoy the weekend.

Best

Terje

## SRA Annual Meeting Plenary sessions

### Monday morning

### **Risk Analysis: An Obsolete Profession?**

Risk analysis has advanced strongly the last 30-40 years. It is interdisciplinary in its scope but also developing as a science in itself. Yet we should ask, has it really evolved as it should? Is there a potential for reaching another level on both quality and outreach?

Is there a need for revitalization and new directions for the field and SRA, to strengthen the research and reflect current topics like resilience and security? Should we develop specific risk analysis certificates and educational programs?

The panel will discuss these topics - the role of risk analysis in society and how risk analysis as a field can be strengthened. We question, what does it really mean to be a risk analysis practitioner, professional and scientist?

**Panel:**

**Chairs:** Terje Aven and Pamela Williams

Michael Dourson, Seth Guikema, Ragnar Löfstedt, Kimberly Thompson

Terje Aven, University of Stavanger, Norway

Pamela Williams, E Risk Sciences

Michael Dourson, US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (waiting for final confirmation)

Seth Guikema, University of Michigan

Ragnar Löfstedt, Kings College, London

Kimberly Thompson, Kid Risk and University of Central Florida

